

CLAIMS

1 I claim:

2 1. A multifunction telephone, comprising:

3 transmit circuit means for transmitting telephony signals;

4 receive circuit means for receiving telephony signals;

5 a microphone electrically connect to the transmit circuit
6 means;

7 a speaker electrically connected to the receive circuit
8 means;

9 a keypad electrically connected to said transmit circuit
10 means and said receive circuit means for entering control
11 signals;

12 audio means for selecting and generating audio from a
13 plurality of sources; and

14 muting means for controlling the injection of the audio
15 means into the speaker and into the transmit circuit means;

16 whereby audio, generated by the audio means, may be heard
17 by a user of the telephone and by a telephonically connected
18 user.

1 2. The multifunction telephone according to claim 1,
2 wherein said muting means comprises microprocessor means and
3 circuit means for interpreting and implementing muting options
4 selected by the user.

1 3. The multifunction telephone according to claim 1,
2 wherein said audio means includes a radio receiver and means for
3 tuning said radio receiver to a desired wireless transmitting
4 station.

1 4. The multifunction telephone according to claim 3,
2 wherein said radio receiver comprises at least one device
3 selected from the group consisting of an AM radio, an FM radio,
4 a satellite radio, and a radiotelephone.

1 5. The multifunction telephone according to claim 1,
2 wherein said audio means comprises at least one device selected
3 from the group consisting of an MP3 player, a CD player, and a
4 cassette player.

1 6. The multifunction telephone according to claim 1,
2 wherein said audio means includes a volume control.

1 7. The multifunction telephone according to claim 1,
2 wherein the said transmit circuit means and said receive circuit
3 means are configured for wireless cellular telephone
4 communications.

1 8. The multifunction telephone according to claim 1,
2 wherein the multifunction telephone further includes a base module
3 housing said transmit circuit means and said receive circuit
4 means, a handset removably attached to the base module, and a
5 cable electrically connected to the base module and adapted for
6 connection to a telephone network.

1 9. The multifunction telephone according to claim 8,
2 wherein said handset is a cordless handset, electronically
3 communicating with said base module over a wireless electronic
4 medium.

1 10. The multifunction telephone according to claim 8,
2 wherein said audio means is disposed in the base module.

1 11. A multifunction telephone, comprising:
2 a cellular telephone having transmit and receive circuit
3 means for transmitting and receiving telephony signals,
4 respectively;
5 audio means for selecting and generating audio from a
6 plurality of sources;
7 a speaker electrically connected to the receive circuit
8 means;
9 muting means for controlling the injection of audio
10 generated by the audio means into the speaker and into the
11 transmit circuit means; and
12 means for adjusting the source and volume of the audio;
13 whereby audio, generated by the audio means, may be
14 selectively heard by the user of the telephone and a
15 telephonically connected user.

1 12. The multifunction telephone according to claim 11,
2 wherein said audio means comprises at least one device selected
3 from the group consisting of an MP3 player, a CD player, a
4 cassette player, and a radio receiver.